



***The California Commission on
Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs***

reports on the

California Hmong Refugee Resettlement

An Informational Hearing Co-Sponsored by Senator Deborah Ortiz
and the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

**1:00 p.m. Press Conference
1:30 p.m. Hearing**

**State Capitol, Room 4202
Sacramento, California**

Over 15,000 Hmong have received federal approval to resettle in the United States this year from a refugee camp in Thailand. These refugees have lived suspended lives since fighting for the United States during the Vietnam War. The resettlement began early this year, with the expectation that most refugees will resettle by the end of 2004. Thousands of refugees will relocate to California, with the greatest concentration in Sacramento and Fresno.

Hear testimony from a refugee family and get information on:

- Why the U.S. government granted the Hmong refugee status
- Conditions of the camp and the process for migrating
- Challenges for the new refugees in California
- How California will address the education and health care needs for over 3000 new refugee children
- California's effort to receive over 6000 refugees

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